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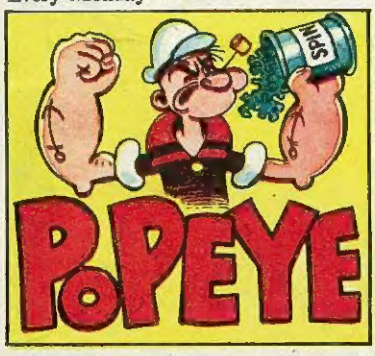
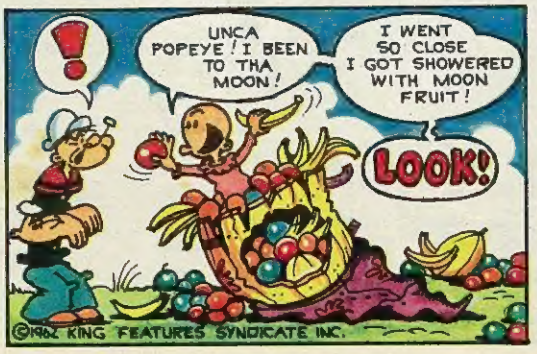
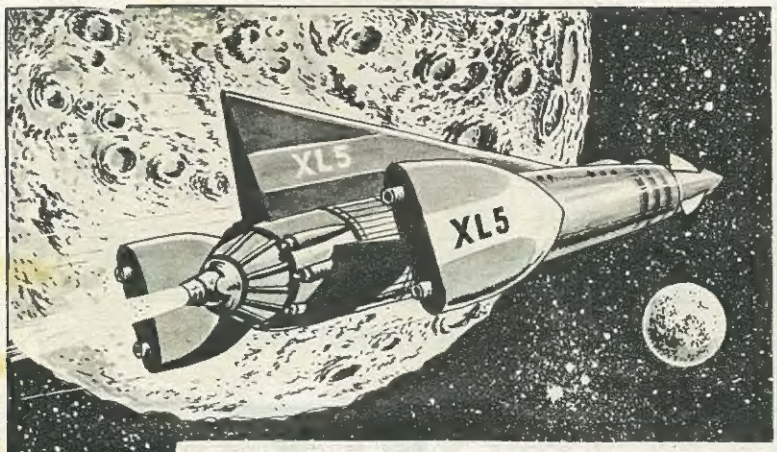


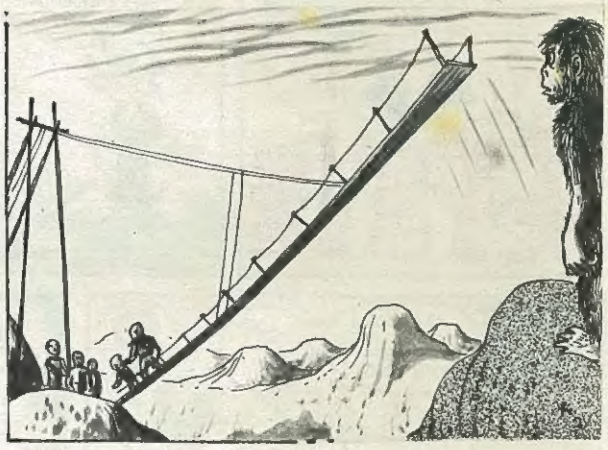


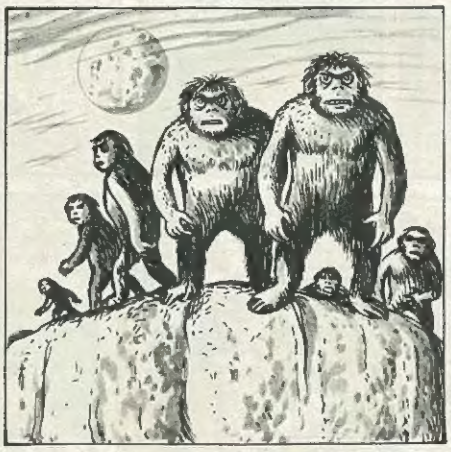
FIREBALL XL5

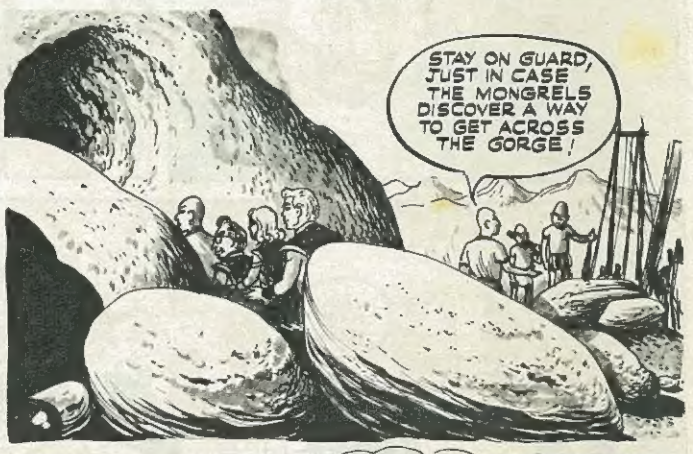
Based on the A.P. Films Ltd. and Associated Television Ltd. series "Fireball XL5."

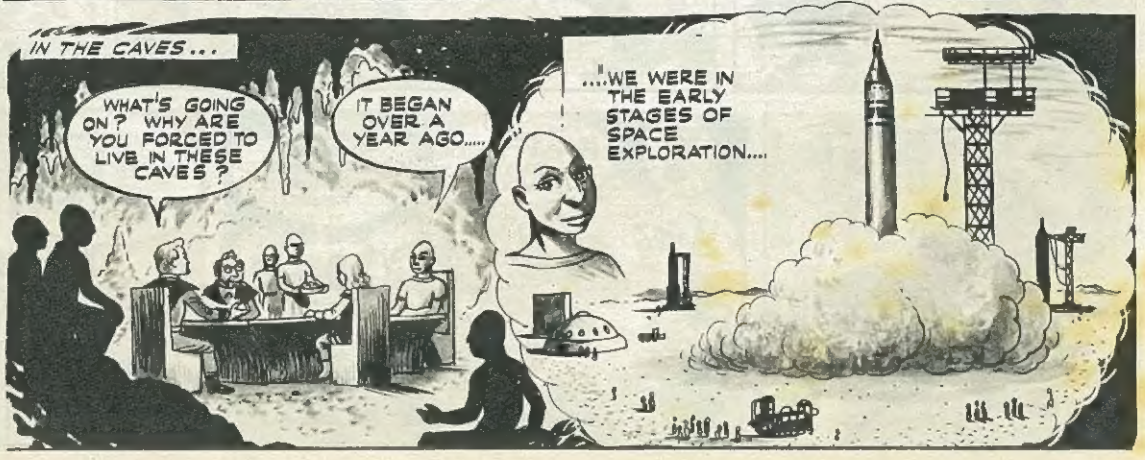
AFTER receiving a radio message for help from the planet Attila, Steve Zodiac, Professor Matic and Venus land in Fireball Junior. They find that some animals, known as Mongrels, have taken over the planet. The animals charge forward and, just in time, the Fireball XL5 crew are rescued by the ousted people of Attila. A long chase follows back to the mountain caves of the Attilans. As they cross a wide gorge, Venus slips with exhaustion . . .










IN THE CAVES...
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ARE YOU FORCED TO LIVE IN THESE CAVES?
IT BEGAN OVER A YEAR AGO.....
....WE WERE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF SPACE EXPLORATION....

...LIKE YOU ON EARTH A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, OUR FIRST ROCKETS CONTAINED ANIMALS...
...TO HELP THE EXPERIMENTS, OUR SCIENTISTS DEVELOPED A MACHINE TO ADVANCE THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE MONGRELS SO THAT THEY COULD CARRY OUT CERTAIN TESTS...
... BUT THE MACHINE WAS TOO POWERFUL AND THE MONGRELS BECAME AS INTELLIGENT AS OURSELVES... THEY TURNED ON US AND WE HAD TO FLEE...
...WE TOOK TO THE HILLS AND EACH DAY IT SEEMED THEY BECAME MORE ADVANCED UNTIL THEY HAD BUILT THE GREAT DOME TO PROTECT THE MACHINE THAT WAS THEIR BRAIN ..."
I SEE! SO IF THE MACHINE IS DESTROYED, THINGS WILL RETURN TO NORMAL!
YES, THIS IS OUR AIM! OUR FIRST BREAK-THROUGH CAME WHEN JESSOP FOUND THE OLD RADIO TRANSMITTER. BUT THE MONGRELS DISCOVERED HIM!
BUT NOT BEFORE HE COULD GET A MESSAGE THROUGH TO US, EH?
MEANWHILE, IN THE VAST DOME...
WE MUST BRIDGE THE GORGE. THE ATTILANS HAVE TO BE DESTROYED BEFORE WE CAN BE SAFE! WHAT IS THE REPORT OF OUR SCIENTISTS?
WE HAVE MANUFACTURED A GAS BOMB, O JEDDAK! IT WILL BE EASY TO OVERCOME THE ATTILAN GUARDS!
THEN GET TO WORK... THEY HAVE HELD US OFF LONG ENOUGH!
TO THE MONGRELS, JEDDAK'S WORD WAS LAW...
NEVILLE MAIN

More Space thrills next week!

Adapted from ABC Television's series "Foo Foo."

Laugh with Foo Foo again next week!

THE RANGE RIDER

PASSING THROUGH PRESTON, THE WAGON TRAIN MADE ITS WAY WEST. THEN, WHILE CROSSING THE DRIED UP SALT LAKES ....
WHAT'S HAPPENING BACK THERE... WHY THE HOLD UP?
IT'S THE WAGONS, MAJOR... THEY'RE SINKIN'!

HUSTLED AND BUSTLED BY THE MAJOR AND HIS MEN, THE WAGON FOLK REACHED FIRM GROUND, AND WATCHED THE FIGHT TO SAVE THEIR WAGONS...
MY GOSH! THE MAJOR AND HIS MEN ARE GOING DOWN WITH THE WAGONS!

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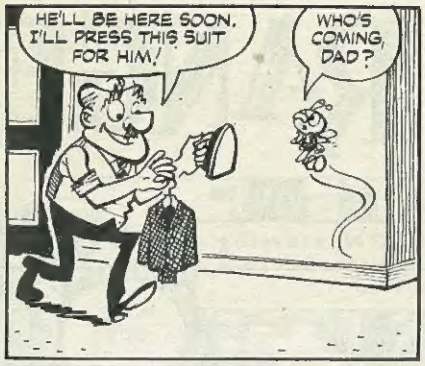
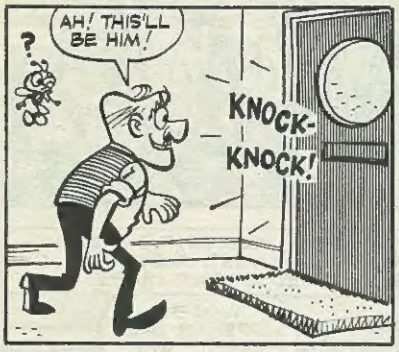
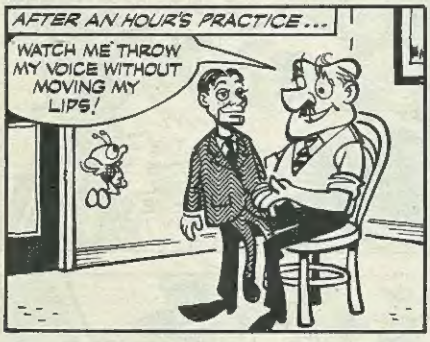
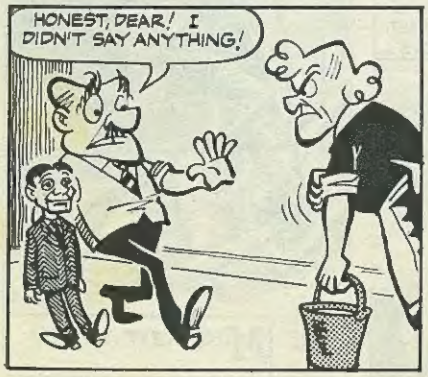
MIGHTY MOTH









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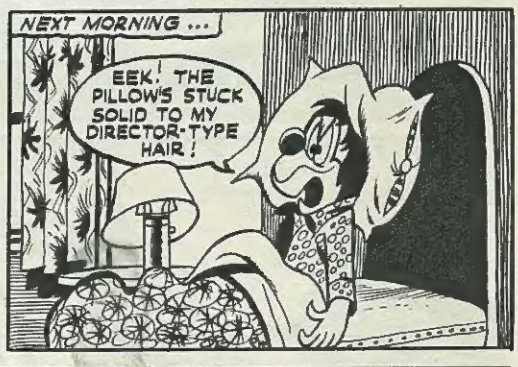
TERRY HALL'S

Lenny the Lion



More fun with Lenny the Lion next week!

SUPERCAR'S motors burst into life as Mike Mercury prepared to take Dr. Beaker and Professor Popkiss to London, England, where they were to give a lecture on the wonder machine of the age . . .

GET A MOVE ON, BEAKER. I WANT TO GET TO ENGLAND IN TWO HOURS!

I'M READY NOW, MIKE! I CAN COMPLETE THE NOTES FOR THE LECTURES ON THE WAY!

SOON ALL WAS READY . . .

15,000... FIRE TWO! HERE WE GO!

BOY! THERE GOES SUPERCAR! THAT'S THE WAY TO TRAVEL!

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... AND THAT'S THE FAMOUS BIG BEN, JIMMY!

SOON BEAKER AND POPKISS WERE GIVING THEIR LECTURE.

...AND THEREFORE TO GIVE MAXIMUM THRUST, 15,000 R.P.M. HAD TO BE ACHIEVED! THE RESULTS WERE MOST SATISFACTORY!

MEANWHILE IN THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND...

ANGUS McNAB GUEST HOUSE ONE MINUTE FROM LOCH INVAR

ANGUS McNAB WAS CHECKING HIS ACCOUNTS...

DO THE FIGURES NO BALANCE, ANGUS?

BALANCE? DINNA TALK DAFT... HOW CAN THEY BALANCE WHEN THERE ARE NAY FIGURES?

ONE GUEST IN TWO YEARS... AND WE MADE A LOSS ON HIM!

YE CANNA LOSE ON A GUEST, ANGUS, AT THE PRICES YE CHARGE!

AYE, FLORA! BUT WHEN HE WENT HE TOOK OUR VERY BEST TOWELS WITH HIM...THE THIEVING SASSENACH!

DINNA UPSET YESELF, ANGUS.. TAK A WEE WALK BY THE LOCH!

AYE.. I'LL TAK WEE BRUCIE WITH ME!

WHIST... YE NOISY BEASTIE! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YE!

BRUCE HAD GOOD REASON TO BARK.

GREAT STEAMIN' HAGGISES ..IT'S A MONSTER!

MEVIN

THE LUCKY SUPERCAR CLUB LICENCE NUMBER THIS WEEK IS: 53,619

Next week, SUPERCAR arrives in Scotland! Do not miss the thrills!

WILD ANIMALS I HAVE KNOWN

BY GRAHAME DANGERFIELD

IN Africa, Grahame learns that some Hyenas come every night to the house in which he is staying. He finds a method to photograph one of the creatures.

IT was so dark that I had not been able to see the Hyena as it approached the bait. When the camera flash went off the whole area was blazed into light, and I saw the Hyena for a second. The amazing thing was that although the flashlight lasted only a moment, before the light died down I saw the Hyena in mid-air!

The two young Kites attacked the author.

The crackle of the flash, along with the brilliant light only ten feet from the animal, had given him such a fright.

After this I waited for a time until the moon came out. Soon the Hyena came back again, and I had not changed the flashbulb so there was no chance to take another photograph. I did not mind, as in the moonlight I could now see what was going on, and it was more interesting to watch for animals that came to the bait than to photograph them and frighten them away each time.

As the Hyena approached the bait for a second time it almost crawled on its belly. As its nose edged closer and closer to the meat I felt sure that it was just having a sniff at it, but a second later it had the meat in its front teeth and was gone. That was the end of my meat so I turned in for the night.

The next morning I went down to examine the ground where my bait had been. The ground here was fairly sandy and there were tracks all over the place. I was sure that there had been more than one Hyena prowling about the place where the smell of meat must have remained.

In addition to the bold, large, dog-like tracks of Hyena were some small tracks which foxed me and Jonathan, with whom I was staying and who had a good knowledge of African wildlife.

We planned to carry out the same procedure again that night to try and see what animal was making these tracks.

JUST after dusk when all was settled with the camera, the Hyena came again, straight to the place where the meat had been before. I tried to get another picture of it but it was too quick for me and the new meat was gone in a second. So now I went into the garden, and pegged a big piece of meat firmly to the ground.

Another Hyena came along about an hour later and despite the stakes it took the meat in a second. I just had time to photograph it as its jaws closed on the meat, and then it ripped the whole of the meat and the pegs out of the ground.

More bait was placed and soon I thought I saw a slight movement some way off from the bait. The night was too dark to see what it was, but I at once wondered whether it was our little friend who had been leaving the tracks in the sand. I dared not use my torch to see what it was in case I scared it away.

Presently it came up to the bait, but I was not certain whether it was at the bait or not. I set off the camera and flash, but I was blinded for a moment, and I could not see.

Whatever it was, it ran off after this and I did not see it again.

I looked forward to seeing the film when it was processed.

The next day I went out to another Kite's nest, and this had young that were far smaller than the one I told you about last week. They were not used to me, and as soon as I approached them they hissed and raised their wings angrily.

A mystery animal at the bait. Caught by the flashlight camera. It turned out to be a Giant Mongoose.

I HAD cycled to this nest, as the ground was too rough for any car. When I climbed down the tree, the parent birds came straight at me. I received one blow across the back of the head, and the next few dive-bomb attacks at least proved that they were only prepared to attack from behind.

This was a good thing, for they had big enough talons to make a real mess of my face. I took to my bike and cycled for home at speed.

Back at the house, I learned that the mystery animal was a Giant Mongoose and I made plans to trap the Mongoose alive.

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TV Terrors

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HIS NAME'S NOT MIRTH... YOURS IS!
IS IT? OF COURSE, AND YOU MUST BE THE FURNITURE REMOVERS. COME IN!
TAKE THIS FIRST! BUT BE CAREFUL... AUNTIE'S FALSE TEETH ARE IN THE DRAW!
NO! NO! MR. MIRTH... YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!
NO I HAVEN'T... HERE THEY ARE, SEE! NOW LET'S GET THE FURNITURE OUT!
DO AS HE SAYS... IT'LL SAVE A LOT OF ARGUMENT!
THAT'S FINE! NOW, LET'S LOAD IT IN THE VAN!
OH, YOU SILLY MEN... YOU'VE FORGOTTEN YOUR REMOVAL VAN!
BUT WE DON'T NEED A VAN... WE'VE ONLY COME.....
AH, WELL... YOU KNOW YOUR BUSINESS BEST. TAKE THE FURNITURE TO 84 NEW STREET, SEE YOU LATER!
THE THINGS WE DO FOR AUTOGRAPHS!
MEANWHILE...
BYE, BYE, AUNTIE, I'VE GOT TO GET TO MY NEW HOUSE!
I SHOULD HAVE THAT ADDRESS SOMEWHERE! NOW, WHAT WAS IT, 10 KING STREET..? NO....
WELL, I'M NOT MOVING FROM HERE UNTIL I'VE GOT HIS AUTOGRAPH!
THEN LET'S HOPE HE FINDS US BEFORE NEXT WEEK!
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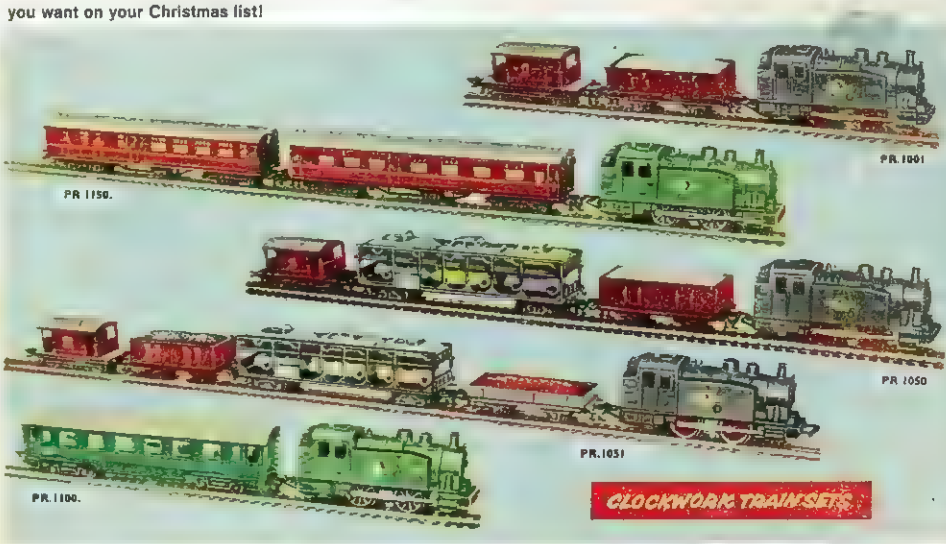

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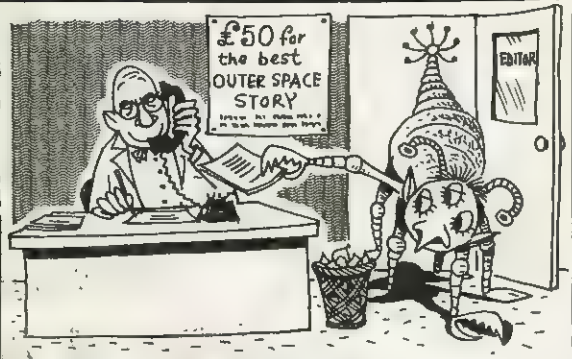

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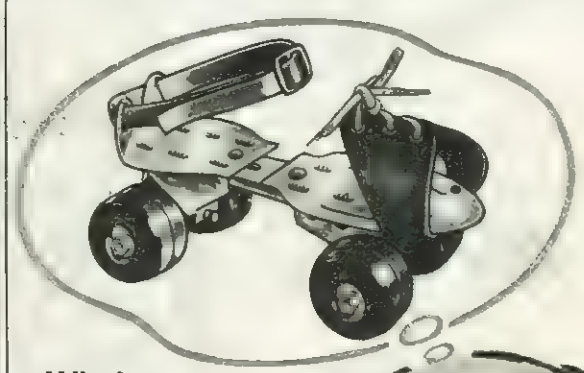

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Bootsie and Snudge

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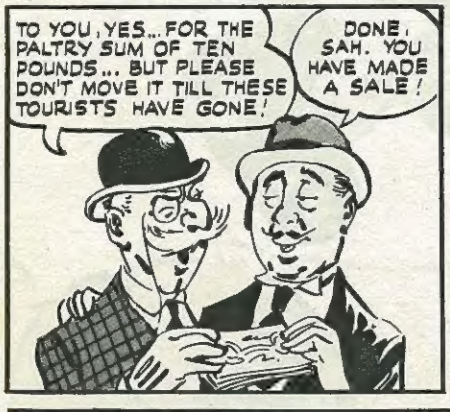
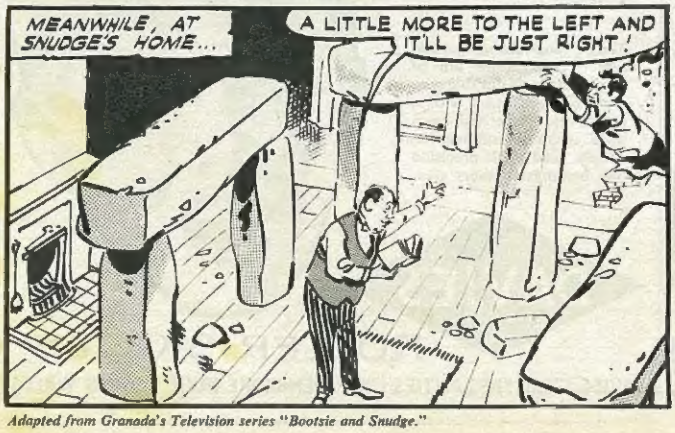
COR! DON'T YOU RABBIT!

IT IS RATHER LOVELY, ISN'T IT... I'D HATE TO SELL IT, BUT THESE TOURISTS ARE RUINING MY FIELDS!
SHAME ON THEM, SAH! BUT DID YOU MENTION SELL?


TO YOU, YES... FOR THE PALTRY SUM OF TEN POUNDS... BUT PLEASE DON'T MOVE IT TILL THESE TOURISTS HAVE GONE!
DONE, SAH. YOU HAVE MADE A SALE!



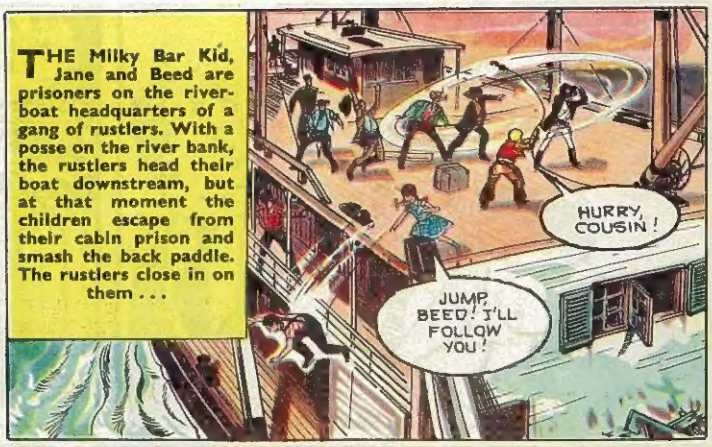
BUT...
WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE YOU ARE HIDING STOLEN ROCKS IN YOUR HOUSE... NAMELY, STONEHENGE!
RUBBISH, SAH... I BOUGHT STONEHENGE AND HERE'S A BILL OF SALE TO PROVE IT!

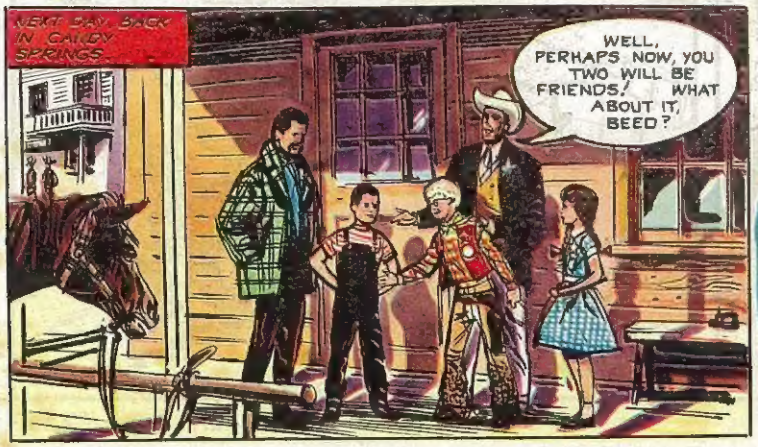
Adapted from Granada's Television series "Bootsie and Snudge."

"I HEREBY DECLARE I HAVE RECEIVED TEN POUNDS FOR STONEHENGE... SIGNED— NAPOLEON !"
IT'S A BRITISH MUSEUM PLOT! I KNOW MY RIGHTS!
AND WHAT'S MORE HE KNOWS HIS LEFTS, TOO!
BRING UP THE PRISONERS!
COR, LOOK, SNUDGE... IT'S JOHNSON!
SO IT IS! THE RASCAL
SILENCE IN COURT!
RASCAL, EH, YOU VILLAINS! WELL, YOU HAVE BOTH BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF STEALING STONEHENGE!
'TIS THE SENTENCE OF THIS COURT THAT YOU PUT STONEHENGE BACK WHERE IT WAS! WHA - HO!
NEXT TIME YOU FEEL THE NEED TO SURROUND YOURSELF WITH ANCIENT RELICS, SNUDGE.....
.... GO AND SIT IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM!
GRRR!
STONEHENGE THIS WAY
GRRR!

Next week, Snudge declares himself King!

THE Milky Bar Kid, Jane and Beed are prisoners on the river-boat headquarters of a gang of rustlers. With a posse on the river bank, the rustlers head their boat downstream, but at that moment the children escape from their cabin prison and smash the back paddle. The rustlers close in on them . . .





Starting next week: A grand NEW Milky Bar Kid adventure!

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